THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (f) As of now, Air India has no plans to operate to Canada due to fleet limitations. Air Canada also ceased operations to/from Mumbai in January, 1991 and Delhi in May, 1999 due to its own commercial reasons. However, Air India has Special Prorate Agreements with airlines which offer connection to Canada for Air India passengers from London, Paris, Frankfurt.

Closure of Jayprakash Narayan Airport, Patna

†625. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal to close down Jayprakash Narayan Airport of Patna is under Government's consideration;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) if not, whether Government propose to provide adequate facilities at the above airport; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has recently developed Patna Airport as a Model Airport with most modern passenger facilities to cater to 500 passengers at a time. Custom and immigration facilities are also available there. Patna airport is also suitable for limited International flights.

(d) Does not arise.

Construction of hangars at Hyderabad Airport

626. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVAITION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved the construction of hangars at Hyderabad Airport on Built, Own and Transfer (BOT) basis;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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(c) what benefits Airports Authority of India (AAI) is likely to derive from this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (c) Tender for allotment of land for construction of aircraft maintenance hanger on Built Own and Transfer (BOT) basis at hyderabad airport was invited but only one party had shown interest in this. However, the party was not found eligible. As such, no land could be allotted.

Deployment of CISF at airports

†627. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of airports in the country, where Central Industrial Security Force has been deployed;

(b) the names of airports in the country, where CISF has not been deployed and what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of the steps taken by Government to strengthen the security system at airports and maintaining strict security standards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) CISF has been deployed at 45 airports of the country, namely, Jaipur, Guwahati, Patna, Vadodara, Port Blair, Agartala, Rajkot, Ranchi, Bhopal, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Cochin, Lucknow, Bagdogra, Bangalore, Vishakhapatnam, Chandigarh, Mangalore, Udaipur, Bhuj, Bhubaneshwar, Amritsar, Goa, Chennai, Dibrugarh, Jorhat, Kolkata, Raipur, Shimla, Calicut, Jodhpur, Coimbatore, Gwalior, Agra, Aurangabad, Madurai, Bhuntar, Nagpur, Trivandrum, Varanasi, Pune, Trichy, Mumbai, Gaya and Khajuraho.

(b) As CISF is being deployed in a phased manner, 22 operational airports still remain to be covered, namely, Jamnagar, Porbandar, Bhavnagar, Indore, Dimapur, Tirupathi, Silchar, Imphal, Jabalpur, Srinagar, Dehradun, Kangra, Leh, Keshod, Kandla, Delhi, Jammu, Agatti, Lingpuri, Diu, Jaisalmer and Puttaparti.

(c) The steps taken by the Government to ensure the security of all the airports in the country, *inter alia*, include:

(i) Surveillance and partrolling of the perimeter wall;

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